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## HAWS settling into new building



Bonita Speas looks through some files in her new office.

*Executive director says agency moving forward  
after HUD finds no violations in land deal*

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

The Housing Authority of Winston-Salem has officially moved into its new headquarters, a more than 90,000 square-foot historic downtown building on Fourth Street.

The Loewy Building (500 W. Fourth Street) replaces a building on Cleveland Avenue as the agency's official hub. All the extra space that the building provides has also allowed HAWS to shut down a separate building it had on Lowery Street that housed HAWS' maintenance staff and inspectors.



Lawrence

Reid Lawrence, the housing authority's executive director, says the Lowery Street site will be put on the market and the Cleveland Avenue building will most likely be leased in order to generate money for the agency.

HAWS is trying more than ever these days to stand on its own feet financially, Lawrence said. That was one of the reasons why the agency purchased the Loewy Building, which sits amid the rapid growth and redevelopment occurring downtown.

"If we are asking residents to be self-sufficient, then why not us?" asked Lawrence.

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## Salem dean leaves legacy

*Wilson-Oyelaran is moving on*

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
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Eileen Wilson-Oyelaran is now one of the newest members of the small but prestigious club of black female college presidents in the country. The former Salem Academy and College vice president and dean can now count herself as the first woman and African-American to head up Kalamazoo College.

"On one hand you're always sad that we're still counting and on the other hand you're pleased that you're able to take one more step forward," said Wilson-Oyelaran. "But I also think it comes with a significant responsibility

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## JAMMIN' IN THE STREETS



Photo by Kevin Walker

The Marriott Hotel was not the only center of fun and entertainment last week during the 2005 National Black Theatre Festival. The reggae band Mystic Vibrations brought its brand of music to Trade Street last week. The group performed in front of My Sistah's Place, a shop that sells art, jewelry and other items. Pictured here is the group's front man, Rick Williams.

## Actress tries to leave behind sitcom past

*Janet Hubert served as a  
co-chair for the 2005 NBTF*

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

We got it wrong in an article in our 2005 National Black Theatre Festival special section.

And actress Janet Hubert let us know it. She has spent more than the past decade setting the record straight and silencing whispers about the reasons for her departure from the hit sitcom "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air." And, frankly, she has grown weary of the subject.

"It was 12 years ago," she said. "I'm trying so hard to move on. There are so many other things in my life."

For the record, Hubert says her leaving her role as Vivian Banks after three seasons was

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Photo by Jason Pitt

Actress Janet Hubert (far right) at the Ossie Davis Opening Night Gala. Also pictured are Larry Leon Hamlin and legendary actress Ruby Dee.

## Joines has no foes in election

*Filing deadline ends  
for City Council races*

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Mayor Allen Joines is probably one of the friendliest people that one could ever hope to meet. But Joines was scary enough to frighten away competition in the 2005 election season.

Nobody — Democrat, Republican or other — stepped up to the plate by last Friday's filing deadline to challenge the mayor in either the primary or November's general election. It is the first time in close to four decades that no one has challenged a Winston-Salem mayor.

Joines' popularity most likely scared off challengers. The former city administrator easily knocked off Republican incumbent Jack Cavanagh in



Joines



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